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Public schools religious instruction endorsed by Supreme Court of Ontario

Robert VanderVennen

TORONTO — Religious instruction in Ontario's public schools does not violate the Constitution's Charter of Rights, the Supreme Court of Ontario has ruled in a 2-1 decision. Religious instruction does not infringe the Charter's guarantee of freedom of religion and conscience because any pupil who objects to the two, half-hour periods of religious instruction per week required by the Ontario Ministry of Education must be exempted from it.

The legal challenge to the required religious instruction came from the Canadian Civil Liberties Association on behalf of itself and several parents in Elgin County. It was charged that the courses taught in Elgin County schools were nothing more than indoctrination in fundamentalist Christianity. Elgin County is situated along Lake Erie, south of London.

Started in St. Thomas

The legal case was started by the Millington family, members of the

Beha'i faith, then living in St. Thomas. The Millingtons said that the religious instruction given by fundamentalist Christians to their daughter in Grade 2 gave her nightmares that the devil was chasing her and that she was going to burn in hell.

The requirement of two periods of religious instruction per week in the public schools of Ontario was made in 1944 and amended in 1981. Boards are permitted to ask for an exemption from religious education, which never seems to be refused by the Ministry. The Ministry is said not to monitor very closely which schools offer the religious instruction and which do not.

Schools are not required to use their own teaching staff to provide the religious instruction, and many, like the St. Thomas schools, permit local clerics or unordained persons to teach it.

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New quarterly gets story from inside Afghanistan



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"A mother and her two children are discovered dead. They suffocated in the cellar of their bombed house destroyed during the air attack at Kushki-Serwan." *Afghanistan Quarterly*.

Marian Van Til

TORONTO — If a new publishing venture is successful, the free world will get to know a lot more than it knows now about what's going on in Afghanistan.

Afghanistan Quarterly, its first issue just out, strives "to keep you informed in order to help a small, determined nation in its fight for survival," says its Toronto-based publisher/editor Pierre Renyi.

Renyi owns a small, specialized publishing firm. He is also a military translator for the Department of

National Defense whose interest in Afghanistan was sparked by his translation work.

In the eight years since the war there began, it has been difficult for the Western press to obtain accurate information about troop movements and battles and about what effect the Soviets have had on that nation. The *New York Times/News Service* says a million lives have been lost and five million people have been left homeless, but few of us seem to be paying much attention to those appalling statistics.

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Most parents pass on only externals: Study of Reformed Church in Holland

Bert Witvoet

ST. CATHARINES — According to a front-page article in *Centraal Weekblad*, the counterpart of *Calvinist Contact* in The Netherlands, most Reformed (Gereformeerde) parents pass on only the externals of religion to their children. This conclusion was based on a study done among 20 "active" families in the Dutch province

of Drenthe.

Members of the 20 families go to church every week and are active as officebearers in the life of the church. "The cream of the crop," according to Piet van der Ploeg, one of the researchers. "There is a big gap between the value which many parents attach to externals and to visibly conforming on the one hand, and the lack of interest when it comes to passing on the content of their faith and addressing the faith attitudes of their children on the other hand."

According to the study, people don't work with the faith and can't work with it. Knowledge of the Christian tradition, developments in theology and in the church seems to be lacking in most parents. The results confirm that church participation and faith development of the children are closely linked to that of their parents.

The problem is not confined to Reformed churches, according to van der Ploeg. Other churches experience similar trends.

He did want to make a distinction between parents who hold to a more traditional line and those who don't. Children of more traditional parents seem less inclined to leave the church.

However, contentwise he saw no difference.

All of this means that the church has come back to point zero, says van der Ploeg. A preacher can no longer expect listeners to be involved and to know

what the sermon is about.

"We have in previous years experienced tremendous polarization," says van der Ploeg. But wasn't that a cover-up of the real problems? The discussions about 'left' and 'right' disappear into nothingness when placed beside the results of this study."

Rev. Den Braber, president of the particular synod of Drenthe that had commissioned the study, puts it this way: "The study points out that the boat has sprung a leak and that the boat is sinking." He was shocked by the results of the study. He had thought that some 20 percent of churchgoers take something home from the service. Now that proves to be zero per cent. He himself has adopted a more story-like approach in his sermons.

When elders and deacons do their work, they do it with "bare cupboards," says the article in *Centraal Weekblad*. "The motto seems to be, back to the elementary school of faith."

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Photo: *Centraal Weekblad*

Little faith is passed on from parent to child.

News

Soviet withdrawal is not the end

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Piere Renyi is convinced that that situation needs changing, and he has set about to do it via *Afghanistan Quarterly*. "There is simply no other source of systematic, reliable information anywhere in the world on what really goes on in Afghanistan," he says.

Renyi describes the magazine's "cause" as "basic human decency, every tenet of which has been grossly violated by the Soviet Union in Afghanistan."

He believes readers who are "aware of the moral and strategic importance of exposing the hidden war in Afghanistan, must help continue [the quarterly's] work." "The Afghan cause," Renyi asserts, is "civilization's cause." *AQ* will combine news reports, scholarly analysis and "striking photographs" to tell the story of a people who "refuse to surrender their nationhood."

Renyi is careful to point out that "for the sake of editorial independence, both real and perceived, *Afghanistan Quarterly* accepts no donations or advertising." Subscriptions are its only source of income.

Carefully culled network

Though *AQ* is published in Toronto, Renyi intends it for a worldwide (English-reading) audience. It lists subscription prices for Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Italy, The Netherlands,

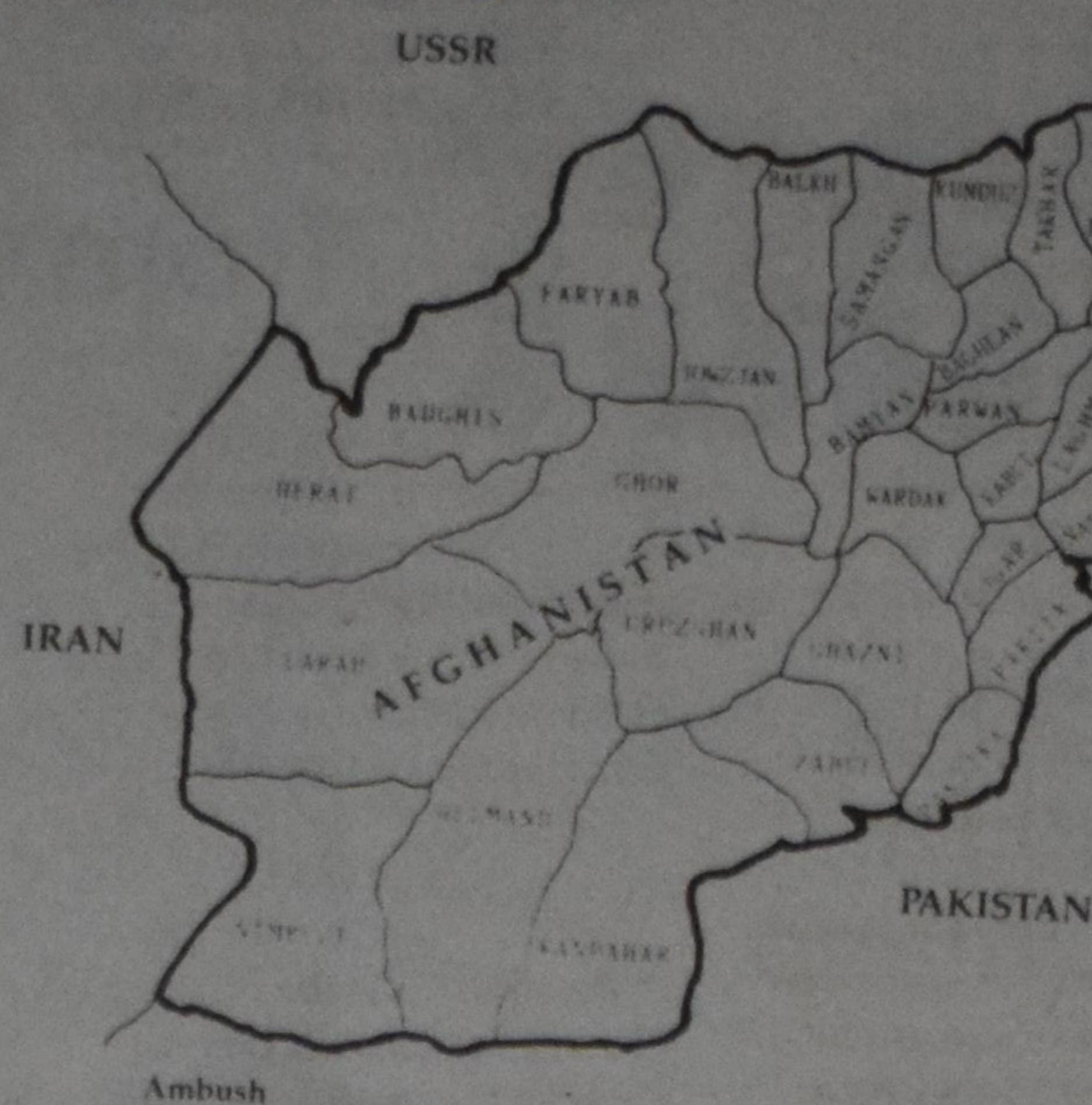
Norway, Spain, Sweden, the U.K. and the U.S.

Just how does Renyi get information which the major press associations haven't managed to get? It took two years to assemble "a network of authors, contributors and specialists" who would be able to provide accurate information, Renyi explains.

The articles in *AQ*'s first issue provide moving glimpses into what Renyi calls "one of the worst, most callous and barbaric wars of conquest of the 20th century."

Those articles include one by a London-based journalist, Radek Sikorski, who describes a sudden air attack on a village by Soviet fighter-bombers, as well as a meeting of mujahideen commanders; an interview (translated from a German source) with Assadullah Ahmadi, a mujahideen commander; an analytical overview by Dr. Said Moussa Samimy, Director of the Institute for Afghanistan Research in Meckenheim, West Germany, which places the Afghan invasion in historical perspective; a report by Atis Lejins of the Swedish Institute of International Affairs describing combat he witnessed in Afghanistan.

On the morning of Apr. 8, just before this story went to press, it was announced that a peace treaty is ready for signing after five-and-a-half weeks of negotiations which involved a U.N. mediator, the U.S.S.R. and the U.S., as well as Afghanistan and Pakistan. But



Map: *Afghanistan Quarterly*

imminent withdrawal of Soviet troops and American suspension of aid to Afghan "rebels" does not change the need for an information source such as *AQ*, says Renyi.

Its task "is far from over," he insists. "We in the West must do all in our power to help that devastated nation, assist the millions of refugees returning to bombed-out homes and make sure that the indomitable Afghans, having won the war, will not fail to win the peace."

BETWEEN THE LINES

Socio-political comment by Gus Polman, Richard Vanderkloet, William van Geest, Clarence Joldersma

A ray of light among stormclouds

There is an old saying that tells us that "good news is not news." In the area of environmental concerns this saw certainly seems to hold true. Whether I read the *Globe and Mail*, *Maclean's*, or even *The Banner*, articles on environment always seem to point to another problem, another cancer-causing agent, another way in which we are not stewardly.

Most of the books on the topic are also gloomy; from Rachael Carson's *Silent Spring* and Barry Commoner's *The Closing Circle* to Jackson and Weller's *Chemical Nightmare* and McEwen and Stephenson's *The Use and Significance of Pesticides in the Environment* — all in their own way point to environmental problems.

Non-problems seem to be non-issues. It seems to be that good environmental news is not really a "hot" item. Most of the environmental literature is "bad" news.

In a way this trend is entirely justified. We need to become aware of specific environmental problems in order to dispose of them. Without bad news most of us would not have the environmental awareness and actions we do possess. However, the problem with receiving only bad news is despair and resignation.

My students, for example, already are very cynical about environmental problems: "Everything causes cancer;" "There's nothing we can do about air pollution;" "Why should I bother recycling this piece of paper since it makes no difference anyway;" "Big companies have to pollute in order to compete economically with their competitors."

Receiving only bad news often leads to a fatalistic complacency. But, like the Old Testament Israelites who received from their prophets rays of hope amid the stormclouds of doom, we also need to hear that environmental problems can and actually are being solved. Although large clouds of bad environmental news hang over us, small rays of good news do penetrate, and we need to hear about them.

Positive book

One such small ray is a rather impressive book put out by Pollution Probe, an environmental public interest group. The book has a rather interesting title: *Profit from Pollution Prevention: A guide to industrial waste reduction & recycling*. The reason why it is a ray of hope is because its purpose is, "to

promote pollution prevention through success stories of businesses that have minimized wastes and come out ahead."

The reason why it is an impressive sort of book is because its 404 pages get far beyond generalizations and motherhood statements about recycling, reduction, or reuse. *Profit from Pollution Prevention* refreshingly gets into actual success stories of companies that have consciously made decisions to be environmentally responsible. The book shows that this has not at all hurt those companies; in fact, they profited from the implementation of those decisions.

It is impossible to generalize about the contents of this book. The industries and wastes it deals with include dry cleaning, electroplating, fly ash, sulfur, food processing, oil, paints, photography, plastics, printing, pulp and paper, solvents, tanning and textiles. The major parts of these sections are "pollution prevention opportunities" which describe in some technical detail alternative techniques, processes and practices that are presently either being implemented somewhere in the industry or whose implementations are entirely possible.

For example, in the photography section, the book describes an ion exchange recovery system for chemicals used in developing pictures, and highlights the Winnipeg Photo company who uses this type of system. A company spokesman states that a capital investment of \$65,000 paid off in two years (instead of the expected 10) through reduced chemical costs.

Profit from Pollution Prevention has many such examples. It also has sections on waste exchanges, waste recovery, waste treatment and waste disposal techniques. Included are numerous references for further information and many names, addresses and phone numbers for places that can help businesses in pollution prevention.

Pollution Probe has done a lot of work to make this book useable for large or small businesses. It would be a wise investment to acquire, both environmentally and economically. *Profit from Pollution Prevention* is a beam of light in a long environmental storm.

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Like a hockey coach wanting a better performance from his team will shake up his lines, so our prime minister, Monsieur Mulroney, wanting a bit more political scoring punch, shuffled cabinet positions. As was expected, the old free-trader from way back, John Crosbie, got the trade portfolio. Eyebrows were raised when the minister-president brought in his friend Bouchard from Paris, but it wasn't an earthshaking precedent. We've seen it before. Some faithful member of the P.C. caucus will be encouraged to give up his seat, so that a by-election can be held. Perhaps membership in the Senate will be the reward, or as second choice the ambassadorship to Lichtenstein.

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His Retired Majesty, half-glasses way down his nose, red rose in the lapel, was in fine shape the other day when he appeared before the Senate and told the Senators what he thought about the Meech Lake Constitutional Accord. And what he thinks of it would not quite cover the bottom of your grandmother's thimble. The former minister-president called for a referendum or an election to give voters the opportunity to speak out on the constitutional accord.

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A veteran of those Trudeau years lost out in a bid for the chairmanship of the Liberal caucus. Brian Tobin won a hotly contested election, beating old faithful Warren Allmand. Everywhere the old guard is retiring.

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An armoured money truck lost \$322,000 on a Toronto freeway, causing cars to back up for miles. Torontonians caught the wind-driven bills with great enthusiasm, and so far only roughly \$20,000 of the loot has been returned. The armoured car company suspended the driver. What! For losing a measly three hundred grand? A bit of an over reaction, isn't it?

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On Apr. 26 Manitoba will elect a new government. Premier Pawley agreed to stay on his post until after the

election even though the NDP party has chosen a new leader.

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We always think of Canada as a bilingual country: French and English, but in the Legislature of the North West Territories, interpreters provide continual and on-the-spot translation for eight different languages.

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G.M.'s vice-president of personnel, Mr. Curd, has devised a review of employment history for people who are absent from work too often. The case of a man who had been absent 35 per cent of working time occasioned the new policy, but U.A.W. czar Robert White doesn't like it. I know places where you would be asked to leave at a much lower level of absenteeism.

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A group of 173 white South Africans, members of the Dutch Reformed Church, spent four days living in the homes of black South Africans to try and understand better the tragedy of their country. The organizer, Nico Smith, the only resident white minister in a black township, says, "the whites of this country have got to see what pain there is under the black skin."

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Now here is an opportunity for an enterprising business person: it is estimated that in China only half of the population owns a toothbrush and most of those people use them only for decorative purposes. Raise money for your bazaar; sell toothbrushes to China.

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U.S. Secretary of State George Schultz continues his peace efforts in the Middle East. Co-operation from

Israeli side as well as Palestinian sources stand close to level zero. Blood continues to flow, hatred continues to intensify, and solutions continue to be nowhere in sight.

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A dangerous war souvenir was unearthed in Rotterdam when a 1,000-pound bomb was discovered at a building site. More than 7,000 residents were evacuated while explosives experts defused the bomb.

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Both parties in the Nicaraguan conflict seem to abide by the conditions of the truce, and the civil war is ended. The U.S. House of Representatives approved \$48-million in humanitarian aid for the Contras. It is expected that the Senate will also approve the aid.

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Just when my TV set is beginning to dry out from all the Swaggart tears, I read in the paper that the flood will start again on May 22. Better build a vapour barrier in the box. To be entirely sure build a sandbag dike around it.

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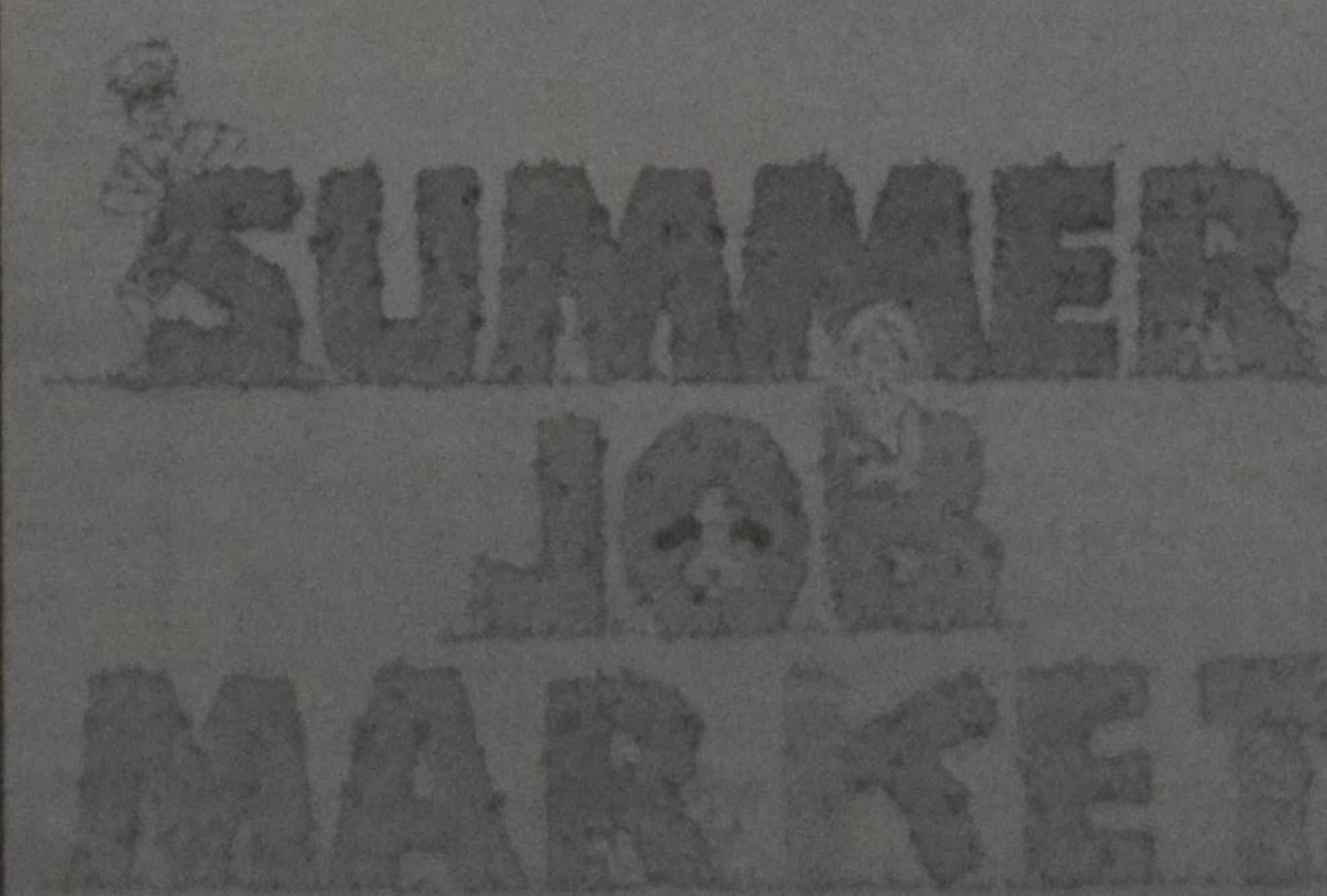
Panamanian Noriega is hanging in there. He is solving his problems partly by printing substitute money. A method not entirely unknown in other countries.

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And if you think that only workers in Canada strike, I must let you know that there is a mass strike going on in Nagorno-Karabakh in the Soviet Union. Russia is reaping the harvest of glasnost. The strikers are demanding that the enclave be returned to Armenia.

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Hire a student from C.C.'s



This summer why not hire a student to help you ease your workload and get some extra things done? Beginning April 1, students will advertise their skills in our Summer Job Market section of the classifieds. Please consider hiring one of them.

Some students may be hired when you call them. Please be patient. Sometimes they are hired before we can cancel their ad.

Pressreview



Carl D. Tuyl

Welcome, if not now then soon, Taiwan, to the nuclear club. Besides making fish lures that any average size fish can bite to bits, and shirts with too short sleeves, it seems the Taiwanese are also eager to produce a nuclear bomb. I wish they'd stick to their short-sleeved shirts.

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Have you noticed that unleavened bread was in short supply around Easter? It is a well established tradition in our house that we eat matzoh's at Easter, but we had a hard time finding them. Inquiries about this shortage led to the

discovery that the biblical commandment that land lie fallow every seven years has restricted the wheat harvest in Israel, which is a major exporter of kosher unleavened bread.

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And here is a very worthwhile tip from Paul Harvey, the cantankerous newscaster: "you can dry your socks in the microwave if you don't mind a little lint in your popcorn."

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Religious teaching is secular

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School teachers are not required to be present in the classroom for the periods of religious instruction. Clearly this gives room for some abuse of the opportunity, especially in areas where the majority of the families are practising Christians. In Elgin County, 91 per cent of the population is said to be either Protestant or Catholic.

Religious teaching is secular

The Supreme Court ruled that the purpose of the requirement of religious instruction was secular, not religious. The effect of the regulation, said the court, is

not "to force anyone to act in a way contrary to his beliefs or his conscience. All are not bound to a sectarian religious ideal. The dignity of non-Christians is not impaired." The court majority concluded that neither the purpose nor the effects of the provincial regulation violated the religious freedoms of the Millingtons or the other parents.

However, in his dissenting judgment Mr. Justice Allan Austin concluded that the school regulation "was calculated to permit the indoctrination of school children in Ontario in the Christian faith." The decision may be appealed.

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Bill VanderZalm leads

British Columbia's Premier Bill VanderZalm has emerged as a leader in the anti-abortion fight in Canada. Newspapers refer to him as "an ardent anti-abortionist." Among provincial and federal politicians he stands out as the one leader who unashamedly decries the "anti-life" and "anti-family" forces at work in our society.

Not that his anti-abortion policies are always carefully thought through. Soon after the Supreme Court verdict struck down Canada's abortion laws, the premier announced that the government would pay only for abortions when the woman's life was in danger. Less than a month later, the B.C. Supreme Court ruled that the cabinet did not have the right to withhold payments from any woman having an abortion.

It had been fairly clear from the beginning that VanderZalm's "no-payment" policy would not stand up in court. Once abortions were legal, governments would not be allowed to discriminate in the way they pay for them. It could be said that VanderZalm, through his hasty reaction, handed the pro-abortion forces a second victory.

We can't set back the

According to a study done in Reformed (Gereformeerde) churches in The Netherlands (see front page article), parents pass on only the externals of their faith. As a result, children are leaving the church or just going through the motions.

The article was not printed to ask readers to jump on Reformed bandwagon in Canada that carries the banner how bad things are in Holland!” Usually that bandwagon solution in a return to the faith of the pre-war church in Holland.

Such a solution is wishful thinking. Unless we can turn the clock on technology, the information explosion, the entertainment industry, donut diners and credit cards, or as well wish for the return of paradise. It's not the church that sets the conditions for how the faith is to be expressed; it's culture. We have no choice about living in our present culture. We do have a choice about how we stand in relation to the culture.

The report becomes especially useful for us when it shows that the polarization process of "left" and "right" is a

Letters

A “plow” parable

Having followed the discussion between Gerald Vandezande and John Bolt (Dec. 18, Jan. 22, Feb. 12, Mar. 18) I have decided to share an episode I watched on a television monitor in a bus station the other day. Seeing that Bolt is a professor of religion and Vandezande a political activist, I thought the story would fit their situation.

The scene took place on a farm in China. Four men were pulling an approximately 25-year-old plow with shoulder harnesses. The going was rough.

Somewhat up ahead, coming from the West, a car stopped along the road. Out stepped a rather amicable, neatly-dressed man who had a degree in

highway engineering. He went to the fence, waited until the "pioneers" had come closer and said: "I've seen some of your roads. You people are more up to date than the people in the cities. I'm using." The men nodded their heads slightly but kept on going.

Next the visitor remarked that he had never seen better soil than this road bed. Again the men nodded in agreement, but did not slow down.

The visitor continued, "straighter furrows than the making." Whereupon the more slender of the four men slowing the plow down considerably He placed his harness on the plow, wiped the sweat off his forehead, took a swallow of milk from his pocket (which he thought would a

Family

I'm not asking for the moon

Kathleen Wolford

Robots may be getting more like people, and people more like robots, but I'm not at all persuaded that that was (or is) the way it's supposed to be. I've often wondered why people who tend to be intense and analytical have to work harder to develop genuine empathy for those in emotional pain: they have to cultivate the gift of mercy; it doesn't come naturally.

Emotions, after all, don't calibrate very well; they're imprecise, subject to change — everything that those who love things in nice, neat packages can't stand! To them, emotions are dangerous, emotions lead people astray, emotions should be discounted as a factor (the idea here being that what I *feel* matters not at all; what God's word *says* is the important thing — all true).

Joe and I have gotten into this a few times. During one particularly heated discussion, I seemed to sense the rational, logical, systems-analyst side of him saying, "You're obviously distraught; when you've calmed down and can discuss this rationally, we'll continue." (About then, of course, I wanted to kill him!) Ironic, isn't it — the same quality that makes Joe terrific at his job can drive his wife up the wall.

The aforementioned "heated discussion" (read: big fight) was, oddly enough, ignited by an exchange about roles. I tried to point out that I'm happy that we are financially well enough off that I can remain at home, and I'm *not* labouring under the (false) impression that Joe's day at work is all stimulus and challenge, while his "missus" is home fighting a losing battle with the twin foes of isolation and never-ending scut work.

But chores don't earn you many bows and bravos, and it's at these times when we're feeling depressed and vulnerable that the world's siren song is most enticing: "Lady, you're crazy to stay home; shove those kids in day care and go! You've got to think of yourself, too; to heck with housework — if it don't pay, ain't no way!" "We're supposed to be partners and 'heirs together,'" right? So when does our turn come? When do we get to finally stop punctuating discussions of future plans (or projects or purchases) with "someday?"

Some of those who wish for the moon wouldn't know what to do with it if they got it; my dreams at this point are less grand (time to do something start to finish with no interruptions, for instance), but no less remote. I endure periods when I am frustrated to the point of despair, and my mood is not helped when Joe appears blithely unaware of my struggle. A case can be made, of course, that I contribute to my predicament by not asking for his help. He reasons that if I need help, I'll ask for it, while I'm about to boil over that he isn't pitching in. A child needs everything spelled out; adults ought to be a little more perceptive. Isn't it *obvious* I could use a hand?

In my own situation, what matters most to me is that Joe recognize my contribution (reader add: "in ways that matter to me"). It's like the guy that long ago stopped verbally expressing love and appreciation, reasoning "After (fill in the blank) years of marriage, she certainly knows I love her." This husband may be a sweetie, honest as the day is long, a good provider — but as a romantic, he's an absolute



I know Joe appreciates my efforts, but hearing him say so a little more often would do wonders. The rational, systems-analyst side of him ... that makes Joe terrific at his job can drive his wife up the wall.

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I know Joe appreciates my efforts, but hearing him say so a little more often would do wonders. I don't need standing ovations, or a shower of roses; I do need to know that he knows the difference between merely running a bed and breakfast inn with free maid and valet service, and creating a home.

Family life is far too messy and complicated an enterprise for facile "solutions" and Ozzie and Harriet endings.

What, then, are we left with?

Facts that, in our worst moments, seem cold and uncomfotting, but are nonetheless true:

1) if it's a question of changing our circumstances or changing us, God will change us, every time. God is far less interested in our immediate "happiness" (so fickle anyway) than in cultivating the fruits of the Spirit.

2) Satan's lure is always "Why wait? Have what you want now!" He promises, but

he can't deliver — and he "forgets" to tell us about the deadly fine print.

God says, "You can trust me for the present, as well as the future. I made you; I know what you need, and I know all you dream of being and doing. It won't happen right away, and you must seek me first, but I will reward your faith and obedience — you can count on it. No strings, no fine print."

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Kopie's pew

Ronald W. Acaster

Traditionally Kopie's pew was occupied by his father and his friend's father; and now Kopie had inherited the honour.

One day, it happened that Kopie and his family arrived a bit late for church only to find their inheritance occupied by a new family who knew little about tradition. Kopie's family, not wanting to cause a

scene, simply assumed a lesser position in the pew directly behind. Consequently, Kopie began to grow uncomfortable in the new pew. It simply wasn't the same as he was accustomed to.

Numerous members of the congregation began to notice Kopie's problem. They'd never seen him sit anywhere else before. Even the minister had determined that Kopie and his family were absent this morning; why else would anyone be sitting in their pew?

Kopie felt himself succumb to the extreme temptation of thinking perhaps he should ask the new family to sit elsewhere. It was, after all, becoming difficult to concentrate on the sermon. And besides, hadn't he inherited that pew? The newcomers ... well ... they would have to bend a little to tradition.

Tension became difficult to suppress. Kopie began to strategically execute his plan of eviction; he slowly rose to his feet. Just then the minister let

out a loud, "Amen!" Startled, Kopie quickly sat down.

After the service, composure long regained, Kopie approached the new family. Introductions were made, there was talk of the excellent sermon, etc., etc.

"Hope to see you again next week," smiled Kopie's wife.

"Oh yes, about next week," exclaimed Kopie. "The pew directly behind the one you sat in today offers a far better view of the pulpit. I think you'd be more comfortable there next week." And with that, Kopie hurried off home.

Never again was he seen in any other pew than his own. They say he arrived one-half hour early every Sunday from that day on until the Lord took him home.

And today Kopie's son occupies that pew as his father before him and his father's father and his father's father's father. So be it.

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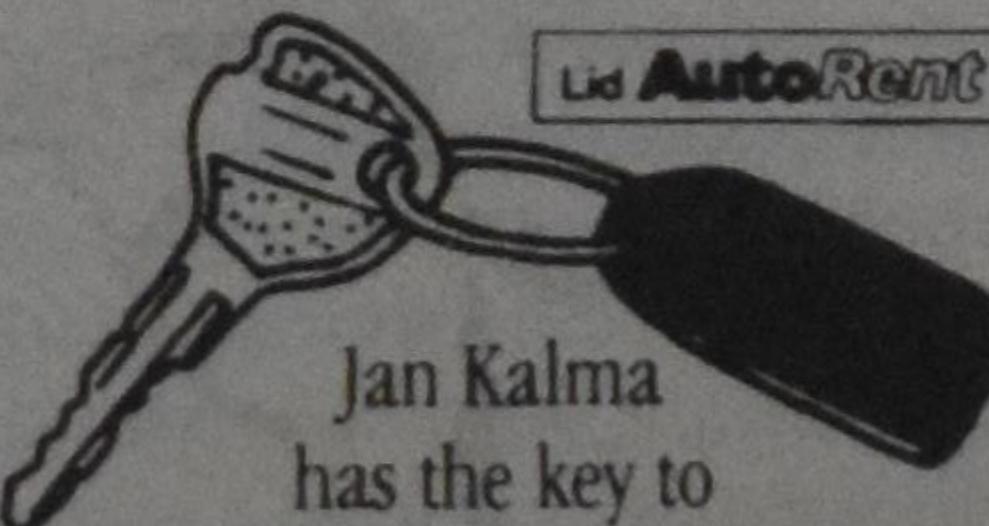
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Poetry

Cherry blossoms

Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide.

Now, of my threescore years and ten,
Twenty will not come again,
And take from seventy springs a score,
It only leaves me fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom
Fifty springs are little room,
About the woodlands I will go
To see the cherry hung with snow.

A.E. Houseman

Spring

Winds lick up the wounds of winter
cleaning patched and grimy snow
but the grey sideburns of salt roads
steel-stained sky can't make them go!

Month of whim and month of vigour
snow and sun, and rain and cold
warmth; impetuous soft rain drops
God's design; the geese fly low
rhythmic melody of wing-flap-
V-formations northward bound.

When the winds are stronger, warmer
sun makes much of stubbly ground
the turquoise sky melts puddles
crests are forming on the lake
ice cracks groan farewell to winter.
March is singing in its wake
rain is tinkling tunes on rooftops
waters warble pebbly roads
scrubbing, cleaning — and the live things
stir beneath thawed frost-free coats.

Goldfinch, robin in my backyard
cock their heads and dine and feast
chipmunks playing tick-tack, eating.
Grass and flowers push up; what treat!
I suspect tomorrow morning
I'll greet yards of dandelion
and the neighbours at fences
will begin their annual meet.

Jenny Visser,
Dundas, Ont.**March gales**

March gales,
they wrench, and twist, and sway!
to carry movement from
the topmost branches of the trees
down into trunks and roots;
loosening and tilling soils,
the feeders of these giants.
for yards around these soils
are shaken;
moisture is allowed
to penetrate their depths.
tiny, thread-like rootlets
reach right out beyond
a newly-broken ground.
these caesthenics
touch ground level,
whipping, lashing every tiny bush;
dry grass responds as well
to March's fury,
pulling, tweaking, plucking
all these hair-like strands,
as Nature ploughs, and cultivates,
and harrows.

Ron Harmer,
Welland, Ont.**Spring chorus**

Soft and slender
Oh, so tender
Is the touch of Spring.

Songs awaken
Freshly shaken
Earth, and heaven sing!

Various voices
Gather noises
All are blending in.

Though such choirs
No-one hires
God is Listening.

Sing your songs then,
't Must be God's plan.
Beast and bird and man.

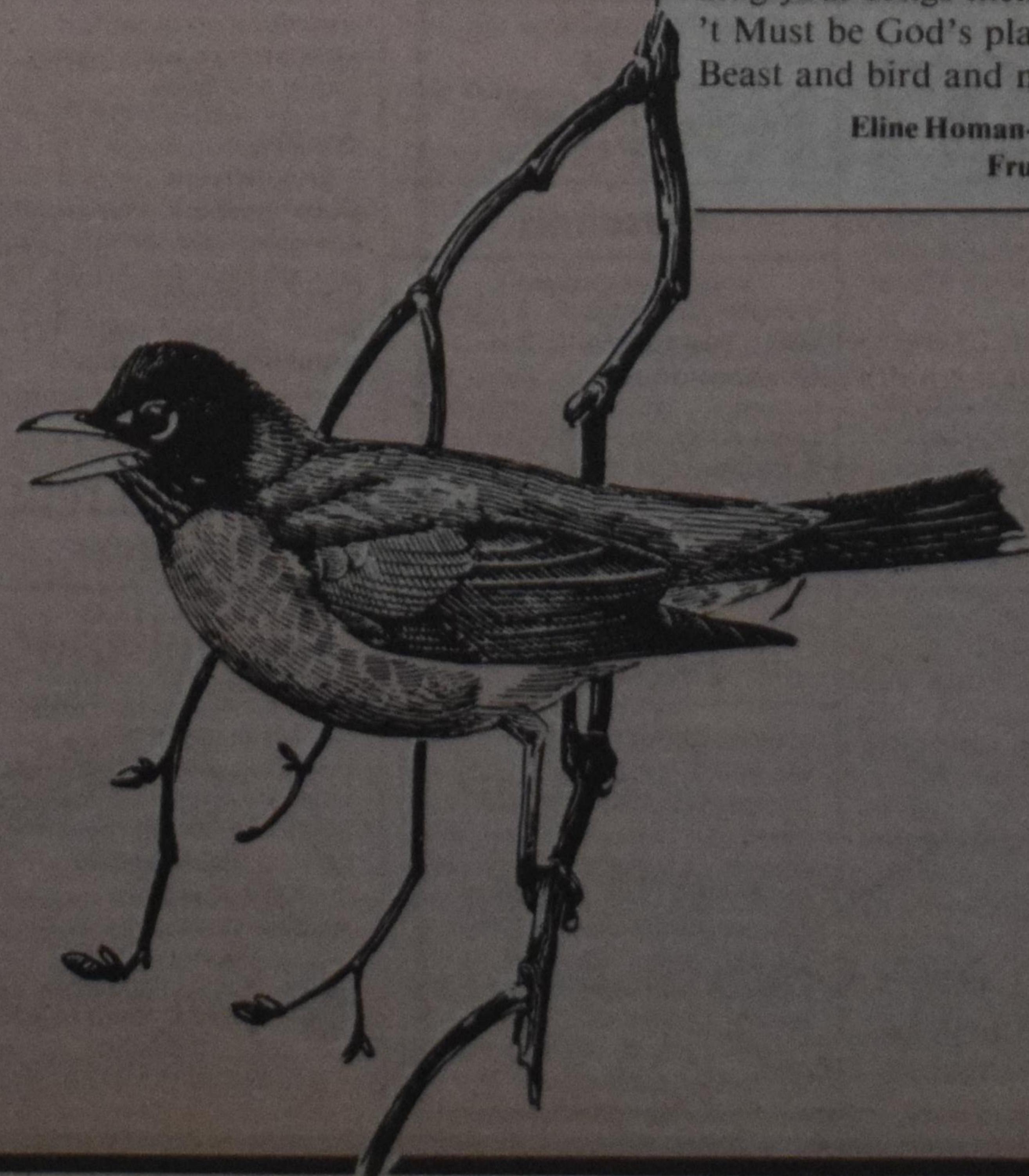
Eline Homan-Praamsma,
Fruitland, Ont.**Cuckoo song**

Summertime is coming in
Loudly sing cuckoo!
Grows the seed and blooms the field,
And springs the woodland to —
Sing cuckoo!

Ewe bleats softly after lamb,
Cow to the calf says moo;
Young bull jumps; male goat rumps,
Happ'ly sing cuckoo!

Cuckoo, cuckoo, well do you sing cuckoo:
And never miss your cue.
Sing cuckoo now, sing cuckoo,
Sing cuckoo, sing cuckoo, do!

This is a modern version of one of the oldest extant English lyrical poems (c. 1226). Original author unknown; revision by Bert Witvoet



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Birthdays

BRUS:
 On May 3, the Lord willing, Mrs. Aleida G. Brus hopes to celebrate her 80th birthday. We thank the Lord for his love and care shown to her for these many years and pray that He will continue to bless her richly. Friends are invited to an open house in her honour at Temple Baptist Church, Grey St., Brantford, Ont. (1 block north of Brantford CRC) on Saturday, Apr. 30, 1988, from 2-4 p.m. Her children:
 R.R.#7, Brantford, ON N3T 5L9

Births

TALSMAN:
 With praise and joy, we give thanks to the Lord for entrusting to our care a beautiful son, NATHAN RICHARD. Born on Apr. 2, 1988, weighing in at 8 lbs. 3 oz. Thankful parents are Ken and Shirley Talsma of 2 Centre St., Norwich, ON N0J 1P0. Sharing in our joy are grandparents George and Ida Janssen of Tillsonburg and Jerry and Grace Talsma, of Harley, Ont.

Marriages

JASPERS-FAYER — TACOMA:
 We, the children of JOHN Jaspers-Fayer and SANDRA Tacoma are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of our parents. The ceremony will take place, D.V., on May 7, 1988, at 2 p.m., in the First Chr. Ref. Church of Guelph, Ont. Pastor Henry Eshuis officiated. Open house: 3-4:30 p.m. Best wishes only. R.R.#4, Bowmanville, ON L1C 3K5

KOY-TIBBEN:
 With praise and thanks to God, John and Diane Kooy (nee Lennips), of Brockville, Ont., joyfully announce the marriage of our daughter FRANCES DARLENE to DOUGLAS GEORGE, son of George and Grace Tibben (nee Kuipers), of Brinston, Ont. This celebration of love took place Saturday, Apr. 9, 1988, at 2:30 p.m., in the Bethel Chr. Ref. Church, Brockville, Ont. Rev. J. Kuipers officiated. Future address: Brinston, ON K0E 1C0

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Anniversaries



Congratulations to Thys and Annigje Bruulsema (nee Bosma) who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary, D.V., on April 27, 1988.

Dwingeloo, Drente 1928 April 27 Ancaster, Ont. 1988

"May the Lord bless and protect you; may the Lord's face radiate with joy because of you; may He be gracious to you, show you his favour, and give you his peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)

It is with thanksgiving and joy that we, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, wish to announce 60 years of marriage of our parents,

THYS and ANNIGJE BRUULSEMA
 (nee Bosma)

We trust that God will continue to provide and care for them and enrich our lives through them.

Gerald & Susan Bruulsema — Lowbanks, Ont.

Ann & George Lunshof (Craig, Douglas, Matthew) — Dunnville, Ont.

Joanne & Richard Ogle (Suzanna) — Edmonton, Alta.

Betty & Adam Reisch — Guelph, Ont.

Kees & Jenny Bruulsema — Ancaster, Ont.

Tom & Betty Ann Bruulsema — Bangladesh

Cathy & Mark Cranbury — Waterloo, Ont.

Harold & Sylvia Bruulsema — Guelph, Ont.

Gerald, Annette, David, Ivan — all at home

Al & Jane Lunshof — Chatsworth, Ont.

Gina Lunshof — Hamilton, Ont.

Angela & Peter Van Zyverden (Laura) — Owen Sound, Ont.

George & Renee Lunshof (Lindsay) — Owen Sound, Ont.

Linda — at home

We invite all friends and relatives to celebrate with us on Apr. 23, 1988, from 3-5:00 p.m., at the Ancaster Chr. Ref. Church.

Home address: 681 Carluke Road West, R.R.#2, Ancaster, ON L9G 3L1

1953 April 26 1988
 JOHN and JANNY BERGMAN
 (nee Brink)

We praise the Lord for the 35 blessed years Uncle John and Aunt Janny have had together. May our heavenly Father continue to bless them and provide and care for them in the future.

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Congratulations to Conrad and Margie Hagen (nee Veldman) who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, D.V., on April 29, 1988.

Hoogeveen 1938 April 29 Hamilton 1988

Thankful to our covenant God, we, the children and grandchildren, wish to announce the 50th wedding anniversary of,

CONRAD and MARGJE HAGEN
 (nee Veldman)

It is our prayer that the Lord will bless them and keep them in his care. Love from:

Jack & Helen Hagen — Hamilton

Vicky, Marlene & Jeff Gallea (Joshua, Cassandra), Kevin & Wendy Hagen, Patti and Andy De Haan, Paul

Albert & Neil Hagen — Hamilton

Pamela, Sandra Delargie (Nicole), Robert, Tracy, Alan, Lisa

Grace & Henry Struyk — Owen Sound

Judy, Yvonne & Frank (boyfriend), Randy, Kenneth

Fred & Janet Hagen — Ancaster

Gerrit, Melanie, Daniel, David

Hilda & Peter Glasbergen — Fenwick

Maria, Michael, Conrad, Kathleen

You are invited to share in this joyous occasion by attending an open house in their honour on Apr. 29th, from 8:00 - 9:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of the Ancaster Chr. Ref. Church, Highway #53, Ancaster, Ont.

Your love, friendship and presence is your gift to them. They respectfully request no other.

Home address: 607 West 5th St., P.O. Box 6435, Station "F," Hamilton, ON L9C 6L9

1948 April 30 1988

With joy and thanksgiving to our Lord, we are happy to announce the 40th wedding anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

PETER and LAMMY
 VAN GINHOVEN
 (nee Dykstra)

It is our prayer that He will continue to bless us as a family.

Hubert & Linda Van Ginhoven — Leaskdale

John & Wilma Van Ginhoven — Hampton

Michael, Tracey, Julie, Allison

Carol & Bob MacLellan — Toronto

Gay & Jake Lootsma — Glen Williams

Sharon, John, Andrea, Brian

Yolanda & Jim Lloyd — Courtice

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<p>Congratulations to Hendrik and Gesina Van Lente (nee Schuttert) who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, D.V., on May 4, 1988.</p> <p>Ommen (Ov.) Thunder Bay 1938 May 4 1988 "Let hope keep you joyful. In trouble stand firm. Persist in prayer." (Romans 12:12) That was their wedding text 50 years ago. With praise and thanksgiving to our heavenly Father who made all things well during these years, we would like to celebrate with our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.</p> <p>HENDRIK and GESINA VAN LENTHE (nee Schuttert)</p> <p>their 50th wedding anniversary. Thank you Mom and Dad for all the love and Christian parenting you gave to us. May God still grant you some good years for each other and all of us. That is our wish and prayer for both of you. With all your love, your children: Annigje & Ad Van Vroenhoven — Agincourt, Ont. Hendrika & Henk Tempelman — Thunder Bay, Ont. Jantina & Terry Guzzell — Thunder Bay, Ont. Hendrikje & Jim Wonder — Port Perry, Ont. Johanna & Mike Power — Thunder Bay, Ont. Jannie & Bryan Chunyk — Edmonton, Alta. Gerritina — Thunder Bay, Ont. Jan — Thunder Bay, Ont. Patricia & Fred Engelage — Thunder Bay, Ont. Your 31 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. All who know Mom and Dad and would like to celebrate this special occasion with them are invited to an open house (from 2-6), on May 4, 1988, at Bethlehem Chr. Reformed Church, 75 Walkover St., Thunder Bay. Home address: 119 Duke St., Thunder Bay, ON P7A 5S9</p>	<p>Congratulations to Richard and Trix Bouwma (nee Buma) who will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary, D.V., on April 25, 1988.</p> <p>1953 April 25 1988 RICHARD and TRIX BOUWMA (nee Buma)</p> <p>What a blessing to children when their parents' marriage is based on God's Word. Their 35 years of trusting the Lord together have been a joy and a testimony to us. Congratulations and much love from your children and grandchildren: Dick & Liz De Vries — Nanticoke, Ont. Melanie, Wesley, Tracy, Lindsay, Bethany Jim & Helen MacAlpine — Irian Jaya, Indonesia Sidney, Matthew (with Jesus), Theresa, Evan Linda Ann Bouwma (with Jesus) George & Sandra Bouwma — Simcoe, Ont. Tom & Linda Bree — Saskatoon, Sask. Kathy Bouwma — Burlington, Ont. May your marriage continue to unfold with new joys as you grow together in the Lord.</p>	<p>To God be the glory For the things He has done With his blood He has saved us With his power He has raised us To God be the glory For the things He has done. On Mar. 29, 1988, God took home our husband, father and grandfather.</p> <p>DICK SYBENGA who was 72 years old. Loving husband of Carol (Eigeman). Father of: Sid & Adriana — Grand Rapids, Mich. Bart & LouAnne — Petrolia Carol — Brampton Herb & Rita — Coaldale, Alta. Jeanet — Winnipeg, Man. Grandfather of: Monique, Daniel, Justin and Adrian. Also survived by his sister Wientje Sybenga — The Netherlands. The funeral took place on Friday, April 1, at Redeemer Chr. Ref. Church, Pastor John Suk officiating. Home address: 877 Retlaw Dr., Sarnia, ON N7V 2W9</p>	<p>1938 April 28 1988 With praise and thanks to God, we announce the 50th wedding anniversary of our parents and grandparents,</p> <p>DON and ALICE STEENSMA (nee Van Wijngaarden)</p> <p>Love and congratulations from: Elizabeth & Milton Harmelink — Mississauga Andrew, Stephen Grace & John Wiebenga — Chatham Kevin Ron & Gale Steensma — London Rodney, Trent, Colin Yvonne & Ian Clark — Woodstock Thomas, Sara George & Donna Steensma — Sarnia Jason, Mark Home address: 155 Bedford St., Chatham, ON N7L 2V5</p>	<p>Safe in the arms of our Jesus is, TRYNTJE DEKKEMA (nee Kort) In her 79th year, she died in her sleep, at home. She had been ill for the last four months and cared for, with love, by Ann and Abe. She will be missed very much by: Husband of 55 years, Lambertus Dekkema. Children: Gerrit & Mary Dekkema Klaas & Enga Dekkema Abe & Ann Kamerman Lloyd & Tina Dekkema Geert & Jean Pypker Bert & Janna Dekkema Peter & Carol Dekkema Also 22 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Her complete trust in God and her love for life is an inspiration and comfort to us all. Correspondence address: A. Kamerman, 145 Pemberton Rd., Richmond Hill, ON L4C 3T6</p> <p>"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." (John 14:2) On Wednesday, Mar. 23, 1988, PIETERA. GOEDEGEBUURE was taken home by the Lord. He was in his 96th year. Beloved husband of the late Teetje (nee Bloemendaal). Dear father of: Nelly (Mrs. Jacob Feddes) Grandfather of: John & Jane Feddes Theresa & Adrian Van Lochem Great grandfather of eight great-grandchildren. All of R.R.#2, Dundas. Predeceased by three brothers and three sisters. The funeral service was held on Mar. 26, at the Calvary Chr. Ref. Church of West Flamborough.</p> <p>"Safe in the arms of Jesus." Our faithful covenant Father, who in his boundless love never forsakes his children in life or death, called home to himself on Good Friday, Apr. 1, 1988, his redeemed child.</p> <p>ENTE JELLE SCHARRINGA who was in his 80th year. Beloved husband of Hiltje Scharringa (Postma). Dearly loved father of: Peter & Rita Scharringa — Waterdown John Scharringa — Toronto Christina & Simon Schotsman — Ancaster Shirley Chung — Hamilton Dear pake of 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Survived by relatives in Ont., B.C., and The Netherlands. "The Lord is my Shepherd." Home address: Mrs. H. Scharringa, 307 Bowman St., Hamilton, ON L8S 2V4</p> <p>Vacations</p>
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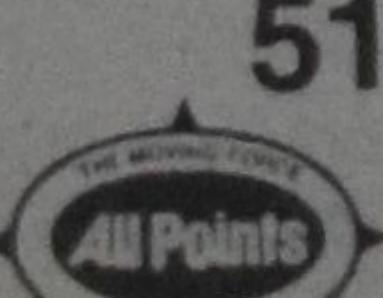
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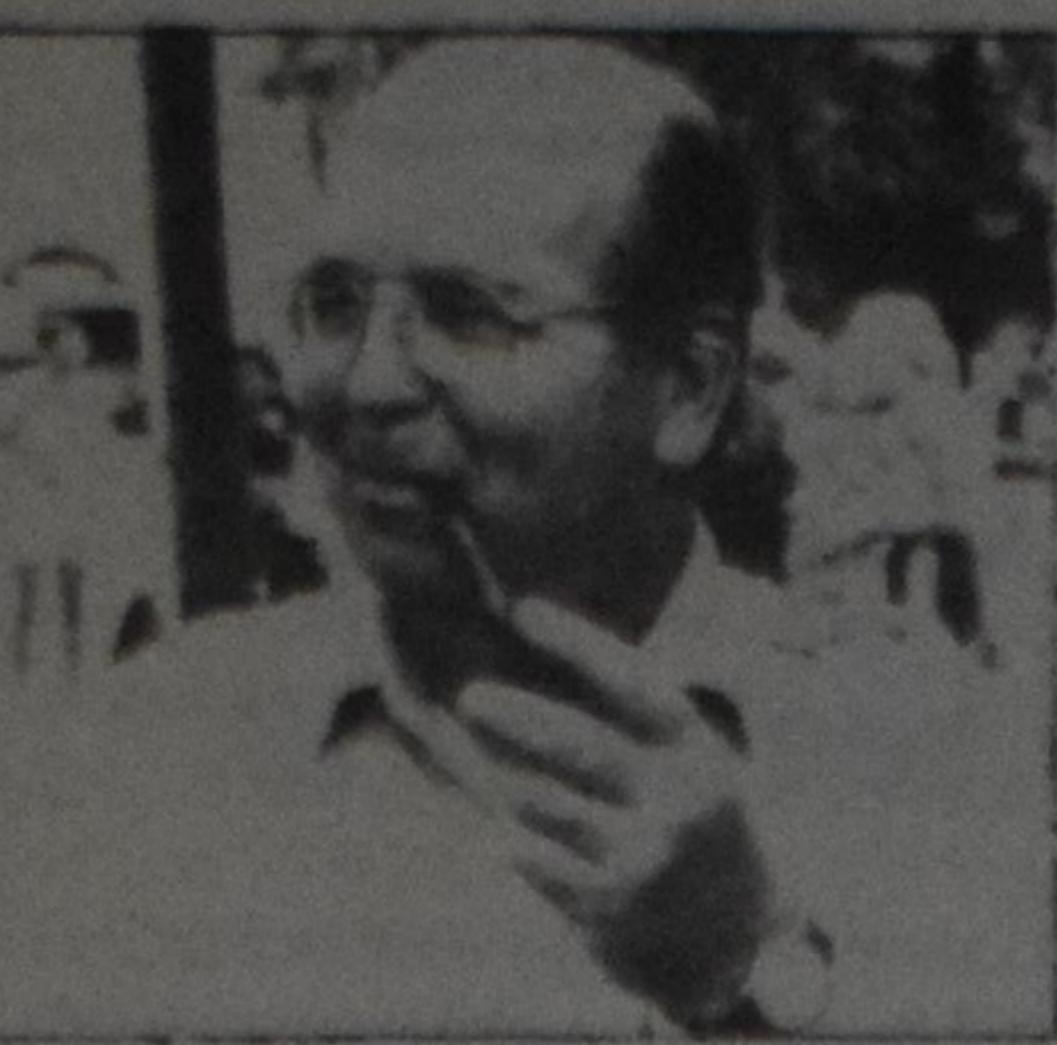


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Dutch



Kommentaar met een knipoog

Herman de Jong

Willem Bartels schrijft mij: We hebben onze Pa net weer op visite gehad. Weet je het nog? Da's de Opa die ons wichen Janny dat mooie kunstgeschiedenisboek gaf en haar precies uitlegde hoe dat nou zat met die Van Gogh. Nou, deze keer hebt wie weer heel wat met de olde man beleefd.

Wie zagen het al op de airport toen we hom van het vliegtuig haalden. Nog had ie de pette scheef op de kop, maar hij schoefde toch veul meer dan 't veurig jaar: kreeg voet'n zowat niet meer van de grond. Maar zien oogies straalden nog van plezier toen ons Janny op em afvloog. 't Har niet veel scheelt of ze had hem zo van de vloer veegt.

Toen kwam e noar ons toe, maar man, hij proatte zo zuchies dat wie heel niet begrepen waar e 't wel aal over

had. Mien vrouw Willemien gaf mie een stoot en zee: "Stumper, stumper, hij het zien gebit er niet in, muust nou toch es kieken." Ik had dat al laang bekeken en ik dachte dat hoe in de wereld hij nou nog een tabaksproeme in de mond kon hebben.

Op weg naar de farm kwam 't hoge woord er uit. "Ze spuulden mie deur de mond," zei Opa glunder, "en daarom heb ik ze maar in Moeke zaligers sieroadenkissie stopt. Ik dachte dat ze in Canada net zo goed pap hebben as in Drente, 'n beetje meer suuker in de koffie en dan blief ik nog wel 'n poosje rondstrompelen in dit leven."

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't Weer ken gauw veranderen. Wie had hem nog geen weeke onderdak of daar

De verstopping

begon het gegooi in de glazen. "Loat mie maar liggen deze morgen," zei Opa, "ik denk dat ik het end vuul naderen." Ik kent oe wel begriepen dat Willemien daar duchtig van schrok. "Wat mekeert er dan aan, laiverd," vruug ze benauwd. "Ik denk, ik heb zinkens in de buuk," fluisterde Opa mit gesloten ogen, "dat mie dat nou hier in Canada overkomen muut." Willemien haalde mie uit de barn. Ik vruug de olde man eerst moar es of e misschien de klappers deur e'sloken had.

We hebt gauw dokter der bie hoalt. Hij schrok toen e dat olde kereltje zag. "How old is this man," zei de dokter mit stomme verbazing tegen ons. Dat leek wel wat op Drents, en Opa was der as de kippen bie om daar zulvers een antwoord op te geven. Ik knipoogde tegen Willemien. Mit zoveel tegenswoordigheid van geest gaf ik Opa nog een beste kans.

Dokter beklopte em wat en kwam tot de conclusie dat e verstopt zat en naar het ziekenhuus muus. Ik vruug de dokter of e slim verstopt zat en de dokter zei op zien Engels: "Net zo verstopt as de pijn onder het toiletkassie nadat mien dochters heur haar wast hebben." Hij spulde er dan wat vreetzuur doorheen, maar dat ken je moeilijk met zo'n oude man doen.

Willemien op stap om vader 'n pyama te kopen, want hij slaapt het best in zien gebreien onderspul. 't Was toch al aangenoeg dat Pa doar nou in 't ziekenhuus zou liggen zonder gebit: liek e ja zo old! Nou mensen, de toekomst zag er niet best uit! Wat muut 'n olde Drent die geen word Engels kan proaten, nou in 'n Canadees ziekenhuus. Maar ik heb mie wel es voaker verkeken.

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Zo'n mannechien as Opa had ze nog nimmer meemaakt in dat ziekenhuus. Toen ik de volgende dag es ging kieken, zat daar een verpleegstertje noast zien bedde aandachtig noar Opa's redeneringen te luisteren. Af en toe knikte ze wies mit heur mooie koppie. Ik vruug of ze hem dan verstand. "Nee heur," zei ze, "geen woord ervan, but he's such a nice fellow ... we all love him."

Nadat het zustertje ons alleen laten had, zegt Opa: "Hoe lang kan 'k hier nog

blieven?" Ik zei: "Kan 'k or moet 'k?" "Kan 'k kerel, want ik heb het in hiel mien leven ja niet zo best had. Elk moment komt er een zustertje binnenvliegen ... 'k huis maar even op dat knopje drukken as ik wat kwiet wil." Ik zeg: "Maar mien goede man, ie ligt toch niet de ganse dag op de bedpanne?" Waarop Opa antwoordde: "Men wil toch ook wel eens een woordje kwiet, nou? Ik ben zowat deur mien voorraad moppies hen, lachen dat ze doen, ze begriep mie best heur! En op de koop toe bint het allemaal van die merakelse mooie wichter, da's ook wat waard. Eene striekt mie alsmaar over de wangen en dan zegt ze: 'joe aar a daaaling.' Wat beduult ze daar nou met, Willem?" "Bist mien laiverd," fluisterde ik hem in zien oor. "Nee toch," kraaide Opa as een stoterse haan, "wat ze toch in mie ziet!"

Ik zat 'n poosje stiljetjes noast em. Zien oogies vielen dicht. Hij had het ook ja zo druk met al die zustertjes om em heen. Maar even later loerde Opa tussen half-gesloten ogen noar mie. "Willem Bartels," fluisterde hij, "Zou 't ook te veul moeite wezen om met het volgende K.L.M. vliegtuig mien gebit over te laten kom'n? As iè mien buurvrouw Aaltje nou es belde wan die het de sleutel van 't huus om veur de bloemkes te zorgen. Ze weet het sieradenkissie ook wel te stoan"

"Waarom zou je dat nou doen," vruug ik. "Och man," zei Opa mit een knipoog, "Je weet ommers nooit waar het goed voor is."

Ik kwam der niet onderuit. Belde buurvrouw Aaltje en kreeg door de telefoon te horen: "Hai, hai, ken je toch zien dat e older wordt, hè Willem mien jong, wie vergèt nou zien gebit as je op zo'n lange reize gaat."

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Een paar dagen later was Opa al weer thuis. Ze muut hem wel liters Haarlemmer olie geven hebben, want hij was prima doorspoeld. Nog wat later kwam het doossie uit Holland. "Leg 't moar naast mien bedde," zei Opa, "ik heb het nou ja niet meer nodig."

Hij had het nog niet zegd of daar komt mit een fikse gang 'n auto 't erf oprieden mit vif

verpleegstertjes der in. Mit 'n rits had ik het doossie open en zei: "Smiet dat spul in de mond Pa, want ic kriegen visite."

De zusters stormden onze mooie kamer binnen en joelden: "There is our laiverd!" "Och, och," zei mien Willemien, "Heb ie ze dat leert, Pa?"

Opa was der beduust van. Kon geen woorden vinden. Was maar goed ook want naar ik heb horen verluuden valt het eerst niet mee om met zo'n mond vol te praten. De zustertjes had hem ook nog 'n kadootje meebracht. 'n Heel mooi boekien met ploatjes van Kurelek, een Canadees schilder. Opa kreeg haast tranen in de ogen en zei: "Wil je ze goed bedanken, Willem?" Ik zei, "Dat ken ie zelf toch wel versieren, vader?"

"Tank joe," zei Opa, en toen muzzen ze met hem de plaatjes bekijken.

Herman de Jong woont in Jordan Station, Ont.

Geen arme

"I'm a poor Dutchman" (ik ben een arme Nederlander), zeiden wij lachend en schouderophalend tegen de sympathieke jonge neger, die ons op een gezellig terrasje in Alicante een glinsterende halsketting van (namaak) goud voorhield met de mededeling, dat wij die voor de speciale prijs van 500 pesetas (ongeveer 90 gulden) van hem konden kopen. Als wij 200 pesetas hadden geboden had hij ons waarschijnlijk wel geluk gegeven. Maar wij wisten, dat wij onze wederhelft geen plezier konden doen met deze glitterdingen, hoe bekoorlijk ook voor het oog. In vakantieoorde geldt zeer in het bijzonder: "Het is niet alles goud wat blinkt."

De jonge neger, die wij eigenlijk best een handeltje hadden gegund, reageerde op onze schertsende opmerking met een brede grijns, die al zijn hagelwitte tanden bloot legde in zijn matzwarte kop (wat zijn onze zwarte medemensen toch vaak mooi vergeleken bij hun blanke rasgenoten!). "There are no poor Dutchmen," zei hij in perfect Engels. In zijn ogen was een arme Nederland een onbestaanbaar iets. Wij namen in een vrolijke stemming afscheid van elkaar, nadat wij hem nog eens min of meer verontschuldigend hadden verzekerd, dat zijn handelswaar ons niet van pas kwam. De volgende dag lagen wij op het strand aan de Middellandse Zee een beetje te soezen in de zon toen wij noodgedwongen (het was er tamelijk vol) getuige waren van



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Het schijnt ook in alle kringen doorgedrongen te zijn. Zolang ik mijn eigen zaak gehad heb (en dat is zo'n slordige 40 jaren in totaal), had ik klanten, die zogenaamd tot 'het betere publiek' behoorden. Niet zo maar Jan en alleman. En dat is nog zo, hoewel ik klanten heb van

'every walk of life.' Maar het maakt absoluut geen verschil ten opzichte van het 'huwelijks probleem.'

Het moge waar zijn dat het percentage van mislukte huwelijken het laagst is onder serieuze Christenen, maar het is zeker geen garantie. We weten het allemaal: ook in onze eigen kringen komt het steeds meer voor dat men scheiden gaat, als het niet meer botert tussen de echtelieden. Het is eigenaardig, dat de scheidingen in onze 'gemeenschap der heiligen' vaak door beide partijen verdedigd wordt met te beweren, dat in 'ons' geval het de weg des Heren is! Men heeft het biddend overwogen en ook biddend de stap van echtscheiding genomen.

Maar — met al dat vaststellen van feiten, de vraag is niet beantwoord: Hoe komt het toch dat er zoveel huwelijken schipbreuk lijden? Kan het zijn dat we vergeten

zijn dat 'liefhebben' een opdracht is, vooral in het huwelijk? Een ieder die graag trouwt met het vooruitzicht dat het voor hem/haar zoveel beter wordt, heeft nog niet begrepen dat liefhebben 'trouw' betekent.

Toen ik een jongeman was van zo om en nabij de twintig, ging ik om met een buurjongen, die uitblonk op school en op de een of andere manier in staat werd gesteld om naar de universiteit te gaan. Dat kwam onder textielfabriekarbeiders niet zo vaak voor. Eigenlijk nooit. Om naar de universiteit te gaan moest je wel van bemiddelde ouders zijn. Nu — ik was het niet en hij ook niet. Maar door hulp van 'buiten' ging Jan Buter naar Groningen. Maar altijd, als hij thuis was met vacante, waren we bij elkaar. Hij was wat ouder dan ik en in verschillende opzichten mij vooruit. Dat kwam vaak uit in onze gesprekken op onze urenlang wandelingen in Twente's landelijk schoon. Van alles hadden we dan bij de kop; van kunst tot filosofie en van beroepskeuze tot liefdesverhoudingen.

Ik herinner me nog goed dat hij, bij een van die wandelende gesprekken, vroeg: "Siert, wat denk jij, wat is, volgens jou de meest belangrijke basis voor een goed huwelijk?" Ik was nogal vlug klaar met mijn antwoord: "Oprechte liefde natuurlijk." Waarop Jan zei: "Daar ben ik nog niet zo zeker van. Ik ben geneigd om te beweren, dat 'trouw' de meest belangrijke basis is van een goed huwelijk."

Daar hebben we een hele poos over van gedachten gewisseld en, als ik me goed herinner, gedebatteerd. Ik hield mijn eindje vast en hij het zijne.

Toen ik ouder werd, en zelf trouwde en anderen zag trouwen dacht ik vaag terug aan dat gesprek en, door de jaren, ben ik tot de conclusie gekomen dat m'n vriend, de student, gelijk had. Oprechte liefde houdt in 'trouw zijn door dik en dun.' Zodra de neiging er is om het met die trouw niet zo erg nauw te nemen, dan is er het begin van een huwelijkswrak.

Hoe komt het toch dat er zoveel huwelijken schipbreuk lijden?

Veel huwelijken sloegen stuk op de rotsen van 's levens teleurstellingen. Soms economische omstandigheden, soms langdurige ziekte. Dan geeft het huwelijk niet meer die voldoening die men er van verwachtte; de liefde koelt af en van het een komt het ander. Maar in bijna alle gevallen is 't het egoïsme in ons dat weigert om de consequenties van een belofte te aanvaarden.

Het gezegde: "Het is beter te geven dan te ontvangen" is nergens meer waar dan in een huwelijk. Het 'ontvangen' in

een huwelijk ligt verborgen in het 'geven' in een huwelijk. Het geheim van een gaaf huwelijk ligt aan de wijze waarop we 'geven.' Als we het doen omdat we dan zeker zijn te 'ontvangen,' dan geven we om de verkeerde reden. Zoals we eerlijk moeten zijn 'eerlijkheidshalve' en niet omdat 't het langste duurt. Als we eerlijk zijn omdat 't het langste duurt, zijn we eigenlijk niet eerlijk meer, maar geven blijk van ons egoïsme.

Syrt Wolters is kapper in Victoria, B.C.

Calendar of Events

Apr. 16 Organ/trumpet concert with Jan Overduin and Eric Schultz at 8 p.m. in Redeemer College Auditorium, **Ancaster**, Ont. For tickets call (416) 648-2131, ext. 213.

Apr. 16-17 30th anniversary of the Maranatha Chr. Ref. Church, **Cambridge**, Ont. For info. call: (519) 621-1537.

Apr. 15-23 Organ concerts by Frans van der Hauw (Bolsward, The Neth.) on **Apr. 15**: CRC, **Exeter**, Ont., 8 p.m.; **Apr. 16**: Collier St. United Church, **Barrie**, Ont., 8 p.m.; **Apr. 22**: Can. Ref. Church, **Bethel**, **Fergus**, Ont., 8 p.m.; **Apr. 23**: CRC, **Drayton**, Ont., 8 p.m.

Apr. 16 Elders' conference on "A New Creation." Speaker: Rev. J. Quartel. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the CRC, **Mt. Brydges**, Ont.

Apr. 16 Spring concert by Leendert Kooij's OCMA with Andre Knevel at the organ, at 8 p.m. in Rehoboth CRC, **Bowmanville**, Ont. For tickets call (416) 636-9779.

Apr. 17 Spring concert at 8 p.m. in the **Ingersoll** CRC, 429 King St. W. Choirs participating: "Shining Lights" (Aylmer), Bel Canto (London) and Ingersoll CRC Choir.

Apr. 18 RCBPA London Chapter supper meeting at the Black Angus, Wharncliffe Rd. S., **London**, Ont. Reception at 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Harry Antonides on "Free Trade." Reservations: (519) 686-0193 or (416) 524-1203.

Apr. 18-28 C.S.S.'s Harry Houtman in Alberta.

Apr. 20-25 Organ and clarinet concerts by Andre Knevel and Henk de Graaf. **Apr. 20**: First CRC, **Guelph**, 8 p.m.; **Apr. 21**: Church of the Redeemer, **Kingston**, 8 p.m.; **Apr. 22**: St. Andrew's Presbyterian, **Lindsay**, Ont., 8 p.m.; **Apr. 23**: Simcoe St. United Church, **Oshawa**, Ont., 8 p.m.; **Apr. 25**: Providence CRC, **Beamsville**, 8 p.m.

Apr. 20-23 Students of the London District Chr. Sec. School present "Life is a funny thing," a student-written/produced, teacher-directed play. At 8 p.m. at the school, **London**, Ont.

Apr. 21 CRC Women's Rally starting at 9 a.m. at the Covenant CRC, **St. Catharines**, Ont. Speakers: Rev. G. Veeneman, Mrs. Donna Beckett and Mrs. Wurmbrand.

Apr. 22 Rev. Richard Wurmbrand of "Jesus to the Communist World" will speak at 8 p.m. in the Covenant CRC, **St. Catharines**, Ont.

Apr. 22-23 25th Anniversary/Reunion of the Toronto District Chr. High School. **Apr. 22**: Evening program. **Apr. 23**: Open house, reunion and banquet featuring Andrew Kuyvenhoven, at TDCH, 7900 Kipling Ave., **Woodbridge**, Ont. For info. call: (416) 741-2273.

Apr. 23 "The Creation" will be performed by the Listowel Concert Singers and the K/W Youth Orchestra at 8 p.m. in Trinity United Church, **Listowel**, Ont. For info. call (519) 291-3106.

Apr. 24 Rev. Richard Wurmbrand of "Jesus to the Communist World" will speak at 5 p.m. in the Jubilee Fellowship CRC (Beacon Chr. High School), **St. Catharines**, Ont.

Apr. 24 Rev. Richard Wurmbrand of "Jesus to the Communist World" will speak at 10:30 a.m. in Glendale Alliance Church, 6271 Glendale St., **Niagara Falls**, Ont.

Apr. 29 Annual Spring Concert by the Edmonton Chr. Male Choir at 8 p.m. in the Maranatha CRC, **Edmonton**, Alta.

Apr. 29-May 1 Young Adults Day Rally at Faith Chr. Ref. Church and M.M. Robinson High School, **Burlington**, Ont. Register by **Apr. 11** to Dave Stuive, 1206 Hwy. #8, Winona, ON L0R 2L0.

Apr. 30 Second Annual Praise and Worship Conference from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Clarkson CRC, **Mississauga**, Ont.

Apr. 30 Friendship Conference and Annual Meeting from 9 a.m. till 3:30 p.m. at the Maranatha CRC, **Cambridge**, Ont. Everyone welcome. Registration fee is \$15.

Apr. 30 The King's College Convocation Ceremony at 2:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, **Edmonton**, Alta. Keynote speaker: Dr. Calvin Seerveld.

Apr. 30 Spring concert by Leendert Kooij's OCMA with Andre Knevel at the organ. At 7:30 p.m. in the Strathroy United Church, **Strathroy**, Ont. For tickets call (416) 636-9779.

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Books/Meditation

Robert VanderVennen, book review editor

Christian living

The view from the stethoscope

Matters of Life and Death, by Bob and Bruce Hatfield. Winfield, B.C.: Wood Lake Books, 1985. Paperback, 142 pages, \$9.95. Reviewed by Robert VanderVennen.

What's it like to be a doctor, to have your hands on matters of life and death every day? We get a fascinating view from this book, written by two doctors who are presumably twin brothers and who have practised Internal Medicine

together in Calgary for 26 years.

The book is really a dialogue in which the doctors tell their stories and editor Ralph Milton writes it down and intersperses his comments. These doctors come across as fun and sensitive people, people who get a kick out of life but also probe ethical issues with Christian sensitivity. I thoroughly enjoyed the book benefiting from its insights.

Medical doctors often need to make quick decisions on very important matters for which there are no clear-cut guidelines. There are the important questions of diagnosis and treatment in which they need to keep scientific medicine, religious belief and emotional well-being in healthy relation. There are the pressures of heavy workload and emergency calls to be harmonized with family

needs and one's personal needs. There is the struggle to help patients stay alive, and the call to help patients die in peace. The doctor must not be merely a health machine but also a deeply sensitive person, for which the doctor needs the help of the church community as well as a supportive family. This book gives us an inside look in a delightful, human way.



Friends of God

Wayne Brouwer

The paths of life

"You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence." (Acts 2:28)

Do you remember the first time you heard the delightful stories in Lewis Carroll's children's book *Alice in Wonderland*? At one point in her strange travels Alice comes to a fork in the road. Pausing briefly, she ponders which way to go. Suddenly that rascally Cheshire Cat appears in a nearby tree, and she asks him which path she should take.

"Where do you want to go?" he inquires, with his famous smile.

"I don't know," replies Alice.

"Then," answers the Cat, "it really doesn't matter, does it?"

Where do you want to go?

In one of his poems, Robert Frost describes himself on an autumn day in the middle of a forest, surrounded by the glories of painted trees. Suddenly the path on which he is walking comes to a fork. There are now two paths, two ways to continue on his journey. For a time he stops. He looks down each path critically. Perhaps the one has been used more often. Maybe he should go the way of safety, the way of the masses. Perhaps the other is older, not used as much anymore, but really the way of adventure. Maybe he should blaze a trail "far from the madding crowds," as Thomas Hardy would say.

The leaves of Autumn have blanketed each path equally. But as he sets one foot ahead of the other, a choice is made, a path chosen, and the equality ends. Frost closes the poem with these reflective lines:

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I —
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference.

What will you become?

A baby was born to a family in our congregation today. I often wonder, when I see the tiny wrinkles of skin, what will become of this little one. What paths will he choose? What roads will he take? Where will he want to go?

In the first volume of his recently published autobiography, Pierre Berton relates a conversation his mother had with a Mrs. Arthur Coldrick on a frozen Whitehorse morning in 1920: "What a lovely child, Mrs. Berton! And what are your plans for him? What do you intend him to become when he grows up?"

"Why," says she, cheeks glowing, eyes alight with pride, "we're intending that he should become a personality, a well-known personality!"

That has to be the secret hope of every parent who first holds that squirming bundle of warm flesh in hands that seem too big. But the personality that one creates is far less significant in enjoying life than is the Personality that walks with us. As someone wisely commented, God never taught us how to make a living; He only taught us how to live.

"You have made known to me the paths of life," reflects the Psalmist; "you will fill me with joy in your presence."

"Where do you want to go?" asks the Cheshire Cat.

"Which path will you take?" demands Robert Frost.

"What do you want to be?" queries Mrs. Coldrick.

But all of the great unknowns begin to take shape and fall into place when an unseen hand points the way of life, and an unseen presence surrounds us with joy.

Theology

Arguing against Pentecostalism

Try the Spirits: A Reformed Look at Pentecostalism, by Rev. David Engelsma. South Holland, Illinois: Evangelism Committee of the Protestant Reformed Church, 1987. Paperback, 30 pp., free. Reviewed by Robert VanderVennen.

"It is the blunt thesis of this booklet that the basic tenets of the charismatic movement are false doctrine and that the charismatic religion is a foe of the Reformed faith," says the author in his foreword. There you have it in a nutshell, straight from the Protestant Reformed evangelism committee.

The author does not

distinguish between Pentecostalism and the charismatic movement. He says that there is only one baptism, not two, and that you have been baptized with the Holy Spirit if you are sorry for your sins and if "... there is a beginning in your life, small as it may be, of obedience to all of the commandments of God's law."

Engelsma says that Pentecostalism replaces the Word of God in the church with personal experience. He says it is a proud, "man-centred" religion that insults Christ by giving the Spirit centre-stage. Furthermore, it is ecumenical.

Engelsma argues that

miracles are the signs of attestation of the apostles, and "... if the office of apostle has disappeared, so also must the miraculous have disappeared The Reformed Church has no need of miracles."

The hyper-Calvinistic faith of the author is rationalistic and doctrinal, focusing narrowly on sin and salvation. It is pretty grim, and without feeling. No wonder that those who leave it, but keep the faith, often end up in the charismatic camp.

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